



## Neighborhood Leaders Forum May 2, 2013 Meeting Summary

*44 neighborhood representatives in attendance from the following communities:*

<i>Bradshaw Ordinary</i>	<i>Jamestown 100</i>	<i>The Association at</i>
<i>Brandon Woods</i>	<i>Kingsmill</i>	<i>Stonehouse</i>
<i>Brook Haven</i>	<i>Landfall at Jamestown</i>	<i>The Mews</i>
<i>Brook Haven Dr.</i>	<i>Mill Creek Landing</i>	<i>Vass Meadows</i>
<i>Chambrel at Williamsburg</i>	<i>Monticello Woods</i>	<i>Wexford Hills</i>
<i>Fenwick Hills</i>	<i>New Town Residential</i>	<i>Windsor Forest</i>
<i>Governor's Land Foundation</i>	<i>Association</i>	<i>Windsor Meade</i>
<i>Great Woods</i>	<i>Peleg's Point</i>	<i>Windsormeade of</i>
<i>Ironbound/Carriage Rd.</i>	<i>Skiffes Creek Terrace</i>	<i>Williamsburg</i>

**The next meeting will be in August 15, 6:30 p.m. at the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road. The agenda will be mailed one week prior to the meeting.**

### **Neighborhood Leaders Forum Purpose**

The County Administrator, Robert Middaugh, and Board of Supervisors Chair, John McGlennon (Roberts District) explained the purpose of the Neighborhood Leaders Forum for those who were unable to attend the first meeting. These quarterly meetings will provide an opportunity for the County Administration to hear from neighborhood representatives about the concerns in their respective communities and provide an opportunity for the County to share important information. This feedback will develop the agenda for future meetings.

### **County Administrator's Update**

#### *FY14 Adopted Budget*

The Fiscal Year 2014 budget was recently approved by the Board of Supervisors. It features no tax increases or fee increases. The budget reflects cautious optimism about the slowly improving economy. The budget can be viewed on the County's website: [http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/fms/adopted-budget/budget\\_2014\\_adopted.html](http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/fms/adopted-budget/budget_2014_adopted.html)

#### *Dominion Virginia Power Lines*

Dominion Virginia Power has proposed construction of overhead power lines across the James River from Surry to the Skiffe's Creek area. The County's position is that placing 300 ft. towers over the water would damage some historic assets that are important to this region. Some customers have been erroneously led to believe that rates would increase if the towers were not installed. The SCC Hearing on this matter will conclude in late May.

### **Citizen Services Web Page**

The updated Citizen Services page highlights County services and programs for citizens and neighborhoods. The page features an electronic version of the updated Citizens' Guide to Services, neighborhood resources, online services and more: <http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/citizens/index.html>

**Stormwater Information Session**

Fran Geissler, Director of the Stormwater Division discussed responsibilities for BMP/SWMF (best management practices/stormwater management facility) owners, including ongoing maintenance and inspections by the County. There will be a BMP/SWMF workshop this Fall, date tba.

As a reminder, toys, pet waste and yard waste all become pollutants when they enter stormwater drains and get into our rivers and streams. The Stormwater website (<http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/stormwater>) features of helpful information including BMP/SWMF maintenance and grant opportunities.

Fran answered several questions from the audience, many of which were specific to a particular neighborhood. Circumstances vary greatly among different neighborhoods, but the Stormwater Division is available to work with neighborhoods on their respective drainage and BMP concerns.

**General Q&A/Topics for Future Meetings**

Mr. Middaugh opened the floor for general questions and suggestions for future meetings.

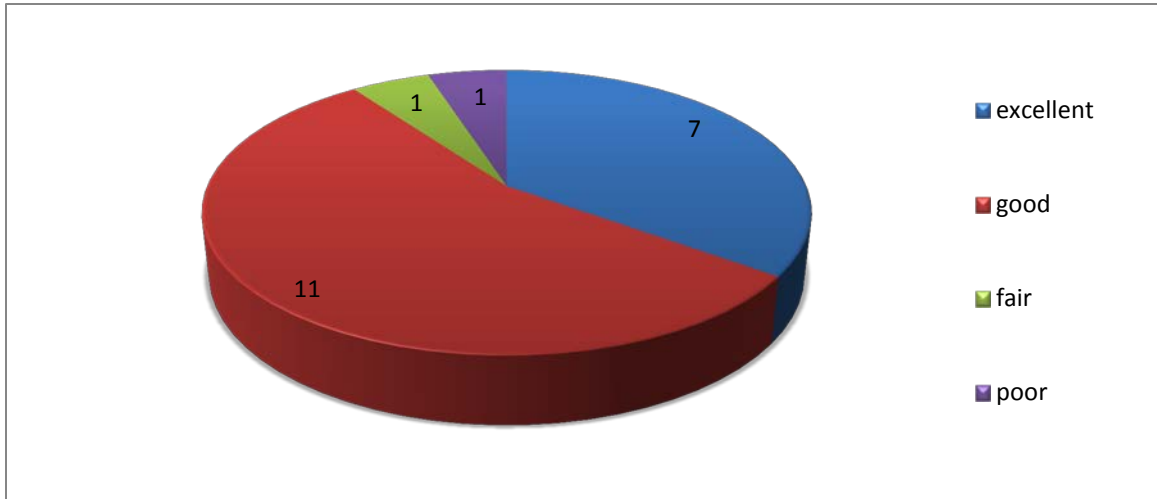
*Suggestions for future meetings*

- Let attendees submit questions ahead of the meeting
- Summary of previous meeting was helpful- please continue

## Meeting Evaluation Survey Results

*The survey comments were transcribed verbatim and have not been edited.*

**Overall, how would you rate the helpfulness of this meeting?**



### *Comments:*

- Excellent topic. Great information and explained the complex subject very well. This was my first meeting. Appreciate the time and involvement of County staff.
- Fran did a great job and I find the information she presented extremely helpful. Appreciate the open forum.
- Fran did an excellent job- thank you!
- Fran was very informative. I intend to call her office.
- I am impressed with the liberal amount of time for questions from the attendees.
- I was late. Thus, I may have missed an element addressed in my comments. Can JCC provide and/or point to content for home owner education?
- Informative and good resource for further research and investigation. Presenters were sincere and informative- enjoyed the information.
- Like the open forum. Very knowledgeable information.
- Names of presenters should be shown on handouts or screen
- Soup to nuts on BMP: transition, standouts, maintenance
- Speaker on storm water management very knowledgeable and helpful.
- Speakers need help with making info flow in layman terms.
- The stormwater discussion got off tracked with too many individual questions- It was painful- the County msg was lost due to a rambling presentation that did not focus.
- Very helpful- Great speaker, very helpful. I really like the list! Very helpful indeed.

**What topics would you like to see addressed at the next meeting?**

- Air pollution, burning household trash in neighborhoods, covenants in neighborhoods that do not have an HOA to enforce, Animal Control
- Building a "free" HOA website. Neighborhood watch.
- Development management staff to address turnover of sewer from developer to HOA. If we own it, we should be involved.
- Emergency services- preparing neighborhoods for natural, man-made disasters.
- HOA contracts- picking the right one
- How are JCC, York Co. & Wmng. City working together to promote morale? How will the county help in making New Town our "main street" area? HOA officers can help this by brainstorming. Can we not only use this for education purposes but for problem solving & brainstorming?
- Invite VDOT's representative to speak about their roles and how to connect with them.
- Keep these meetings! Traffic, speeding in the neighborhood
- Law enforcement- safety in communities, dealing with difficult situations
- Neighborhood blight issues- properties that are uninhabited and not maintained, rentals that are not well maintained- what can be done?
- Neighborhood safety. Engineering and Protection aspect of BMPs
- Projected population growth and its impact on the County. And, how will it be dealt with. Also, Animal Control.
- Road repairs/upgrades in long standing community
- security for neighborhood- more police patrols
- Specific county procedures for stormwater inspections and feedback to community. Turnaround for issues with poorly installed storm drains.
- The other half of Stormwater programs, i.e. Engineering, inspection and enforcement.
- Ways to facilitate communication between HOAs: eg. JCC Blog, Listserv, etc.
- Would like to see current police topics/issues at each meeting